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SUBJECT: BELGIAN TRADE VISIT TO PEKING

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1. GOB STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE ANDRE KEPINAIRE LED MISSION TO PEKING APRIL 17-22 AT CHINESE INVITATION TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL TRADE. KEMPINAIRE'S VISIT WAS PRECEDED BY BELGIAN FOREIGN TRADE OFFICE GROUP.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED APRIL 24 STATES THAT GOB AND PRC AGREED TO ESTABLISH MIXED COMMISSION FOR PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS TO MEET ONCE A YEAR. PRC FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PAI HSIANG-KUO ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT BELGIUM "AT HIS CONVENIENCE".

3. MEDIA POINT TO SERIOUS INTEREST OF GOB IN DEVELOPING MARKETS IN PRC. BELGIAN EXPORTS TO PRC NOW VALUED AT ONLY ABOUT DOLS 12.5 MILLION ANNUALLY, LARGELY CAPITAL GOODS, DIAMONDS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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FERTILIZERS. THUS, AS CHINESE FOREIGN TRADE EXPANDS,
BELGIANS CAN BE EXPECTED TO TRY HARD FOR A SHARE OF IT.

4. PRESS REPORTS THAT GOB DELEGATION MEMBER MENTIONED PRC
INTEREST IN DEVELOPING OVERALL RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES AND THAT CHINESE WERE STUDYING PROBLEM OF CHINESE
REPRESENTATION TO COMMON MARKET.

5. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH MEMBERS
OF BELGIAN DELEGATION.
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